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GOVERNMENT

The Yukon Legislative Assembly consists of 17 elected members and functions in much the same way as a provincial legislature. Present standings in the Legislative Assembly are:

New Democrat	11	Yukon Party	3
Liberal Party	3		

Commissioner of the Yukon:	The Hon. Judy Gingell
Government Leader:	The Hon. Piers McDonald
Opposition Leader:	The Hon. John Ostashek
Member of Parliament:	The Hon. Louise Hardy
Senator:	The Hon. Ione Christensen

Government Finance ($000)

1999-2000 Projected (Per Main Estimates)	
Total Combined Expenditures*	480,678
Total Combined Revenues	459,251
Deficit for the year	-21,427
1998-1999 Projected (Per Supplementary #3)	
Total Combined Expenditures*	496,968
Total Combined Revenues	495,834
Deficit for the year	-1,134
1997-1998 Actual (Per Public Accounts)	
Total Combined Expenditures*	432,683
Total Combined Revenues**	436,522
Surplus for the year	3,839

* Operation, Maintenance and Capital - includes loan interest and contingency funding.
** Includes recovery of prior years' expenditures.
Note: Figures may not be comparative between fiscal years due to different presentation.

LAND (km^2)

Forest Lands	281,030
Non-Forest Lands	197,940
- Land Area	478,970
- Freshwater Area	4,480
Total Area of the Yukon	483,450

The Yukon represents 4.8% of Canada's total land area. Of the ten provinces and three territories, the Yukon is the ninth largest with only the four Atlantic provinces being smaller. Mount Logan in the St. Elias Mountains in Kluane Park is the highest point in the Yukon and Canada, with an elevation of 5,959 meters above sea level.

Principal Rivers and Lakes

Rivers: Donjek, Klondike, Liard, MacMillan, McQuesten, Nisutlin, Peel, Pelly, Porcupine, Ross, Snake, White, Wind, and the Yukon.

Lakes: Aishihik, Bennett, Dezadeash, Frances, Kluane, Kusawa, Laberge, Little Salmon, Marsh, Mayo, Quiet, Tagish, and Teslin.

CLIMATE

Temperatures in the Yukon are usually more extreme than those experienced in the southern provinces of Canada.

Temperature: Daily Averages & Records 1997 (Celsius)

	AVERAGES		RECORDS	
	Jan.	July	Low	High
Dawson	-32.5	16.7	-52.0	30.0
Faro	-25.5	16.0	-49.0	27.0
Haines Junction	-19.3	13.3	-45.0	27.0
Old Crow	-34.2	14.5	-52.0	27.0
Watson Lake	-27.7	15.3	-49.0	27.0
Whitehorse	-20.2	15.0	-47.0	27.5

Precipitation: 1997 Annual Totals

	TOTAL (mm)	RAIN (mm)	SNOW (cm)
Dawson	351.0	243.0	171.2
Faro	267.1	202.6	100.8
Haines Junction	416.0	227.2	188.8
Old Crow	273.3	160.8	158.1
Watson Lake	483.5	289.7	193.8
Whitehorse	242.4	150.9	139.2

POPULATION

Community Profile

Cities	1	Hamlets	2
Towns	3	Unincorporated Communities	13
Villages	4	Rural Communities	8
		Total	31

Population as of December, 1998

	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Yukon	31,768	16,212	15,556
Beaver Creek	120	60	60
Burwash Landing	79	43	36

Carcross	435	217	218
Carmacks	453	232	221
Dawson City	2,059	1,101	958
Destruction Bay	37	23	14
Faro	646	333	313
Haines Junction	797	401	396
Mayo	470	231	239
Old Crow	294	152	142
Pelly Crossing	282	142	140
Ross River	371	195	176
Tagish	166	82	84
Teslin	448	244	204
Watson Lake	1,652	876	776
Whitehorse	23,310	11,797	11,513
Other	149	83	66

Migration

	IN	OUT	GROSS	NET
1997	2,002	2,466	4,468	-464
1996(r)	2,378	2,141	4,519	237
1995(r)	2,802	2,031	4,833	771
1994(r)	2,119	2,384	4,503	-265
1993(r)	2,229	2,327	4,556	-98
1992(r)	2,936	1,704	4,640	1,232

Ethnic Origin (1996 Census) (% of Population)

	SINGLE ORIGIN	MULTIPLE ORIGINS	TOTAL
British	10.2%	37.5%	47.7%
Aboriginal	11.8%	9.2%	21.0%
European	8.5%	26.6%	35.1%
French	2.3%	11.8%	14.1%
Asian & African	1.9%	1.6%	3.5%

Note: An example to explain the above figures; 10.2% (Single Origin) of the Yukon's population are of British ethnic origin only, and 37.5% (Multiple Origin) have some British origin. Therefore, 47.7% of the Yukon's population have some British ethnic origin.

Population by Age Group, December, 1998

AGE GROUP	POPULATION	AGE GROUP	POPULATION
0-4	2,133	35-39	3,317
5-9	2,435	40-44	3,273
10-14	2,478	45-49	2,827
15-19	2,419	50-54	2,186
20-24	1,842	55-59	1,371
25-29	2,345	60-64	913
30-34	2,601	65+	1,628

Median Age of Population (Years)	34
Population Aged Under 15 Years	7,046
Population Aged 15 to 34 Years	9,207

Population Aged 35 to 64 Years	13,887
Population Aged 65 Years and Over	1,628

VITAL STATISTICS

	BIRTHS	DEATHS	MARRIAGES
1998 (p)	399	132	166
1997 (r)	481	119	167
1996 (r)	432	123	195
1995	461	164	208
1994	447	126	170
1993	502	124	180
1992	530	123	220
1991(r)	582	119	196

	1995	1994	1993
Birth Rate (per 1,000)	15.5	14.9	16.7
Total Fertility Rate (per women 15 to 49)	1.8	1.7	1.9
Death Rate (per 1,000)	5.2	4.2	4.0

EARNINGS, INCOME & EMPLOYMENT

Gross Domestic Product and Wages and Salaries, The Yukon (in millions of current dollars)

	1997p	1996r	1995r	1994r	1993r	1992r	1991r
Wages and Salaries	653	632	583	534	539	573	521
G.D.P.*	1,131	1,180	1,095	964	964	1,147	913

* G.D.P. figures are at market prices

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Average Weekly Earnings, Annual Averages
(Industrial Aggregate - including overtime)

	CANADA	YUKON	DIFFERENCE
1997	$598.26	$706.18	18.0%
1996	$586.06	$694.80	18.6%
1995 (r)	$572.49	$677.08	18.3%
1994 (r)	$567.11	$686.56	21.1%
1993 (r)	$556.76	$679.26	22.0%
1992 (r)	$547.01	$678.98	24.1%
1991 (r)	$528.60	$636.48	20.4%

Personal Income

	1996	1995	1994[r]	1993[r]
Total Number of Returns	20,010	18,760	17,880	18,090
Total Income ($000)	634,977	586,783	592,694	534,014
Average Income ($)	31,733	31,278	33,148	29,520
Number of Taxable Returns	14,710	14,260	13,570	13,470
Taxable Income ($000)	509,022	462,859	441,149	417,802
Average Income ($)	34,604	32,459	32,509	31,017

Total Employed and Government Employment
(Annual Averages)

	YUKON TOTAL	GOVERNMENT			
	Employed	Total	Federal	Territorial	Municipal
1997	13,750	4,779	913	3,498	368
1996	14,217	4,418	1,059	3,043	316
1995(r)	13,658	4,259	1,055	2,904	300
1994(r)	13,167	4,240	1,033	2,922	285
1993(r)	13,025	4,382	1,233	2,863	286
1992(r)	13,458	4,452	1,266	2,935	251

Number of Employees, by Sector - Annual Estimates

	1997	1996	1995
***Industrial Aggregate**	14,000	13,300	12,000
Construction	800	900	700
Transportation, Storage, Communications and other Industries	1,500	1,400	1,300
***Goods Producing Industries**	2,100	2,100	1,700
Trade	1,800	1,800	1,500
Business and Personal Services	4,700	4,600	4,500
Public Administration	3,500	3,000	2,700
***Service Producing Industries**	11,800	11,200	10,300

* Rounded Data may not sum to totals.

Unemployment Rate (%) (Unadjusted Figures)

1998	CANADA	YUKON	1998	CANADA	YUKON
January	9.7	11.3	July	8.5	12.1
February	9.3	13.0	August	8.1	10.4
March	9.2	15.7	September	7.5	8.9
April	8.6	17.5	October	7.4	9.3
May	8.4	16.1	November	7.7	11.4
June	8.0	14.7	December	7.7	12.7

CONSUMER PRICES

***C.P.I. for Whitehorse (Annual Average, 1998)**

	1992=100	ANNUAL INFLATION RATE
All items	111.0	1.0
Food	112.8	2.4
Shelter	105.8	-0.3
Clothing and Footwear	103.7	0.6
Transportation	123.5	1.7
Health and Personal Care	102.2	0.0
Recreation, Reading and Education	112.9	0.8
Tobacco / Alcohol	114.1	1.9
Energy	119.0	-1.0

*C.P.I. - Consumer Price Index

Food Price Index, Whitehorse, Annual Averages (1992 = 100)

	1998	1997	1996r	1995r
Food	111.0	109.9	107.5	105.7
Meat	113.2	111.6	105.4	103.7
Dairy Products	113.3	111.1	105.6	103.1
Bakery and Cereal Products	112.6	112.5	106.3	106.9
Fresh Fruit	133.2	112.3	94.8	86.2
Fresh Vegetables	111.0	103.8	86.6	93.9
Food Purchased From Restaurants	113.7	111.2	108.3	105.2

TRADE

Value of Retail Trade ($)
Value of Wholesale Trade ($)

1998	313,600,000	1998	128,700,000
1997	309,600,000	1997	146,200,000
1996(r)	283,900,000	1996	144,900,000
1995(r)	241,200,000	1995	129,700,000
1994(r)	212,700,000	1994	121,400,000

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (1998) (Value in $000)

	RESIDENTIAL		INDUSTRIAL	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Dawson City	34	995	2	16
Faro	3	16	-	-
Watson Lake	38	941	1	5
Whitehorse	551	11,806	19	502

	INSTITUTIONAL		COMMERCIAL	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Dawson City	14	649	17	724
Faro	3	120	1	5
Watson Lake	5	145	13	92
Whitehorse	30	5,455	74	4,626

RESOURCES

Mineral Production (Value in $000)

	*TOTAL	GOLD	SILVER
1998(p)	113,463	79,767	3,807
1997	200,587	98,150	8,270
1996(r)	402,446	76,791	25,699
1995	172,530	81,239	8,033
1994	56,600	56,406	194
1993	116,415	52,795	5,334
1992	471,558	49,898	19,014
1991	335,486	51,573	12,890

	LEAD	ZINC	NATURAL GAS
1998(p)	7,323	22,566	17,695
1997	23,004	71,163	21,760
1996(r)	95,516	204,374	18,197
1995	23,414	59,844	19,579
1994	-	-	22,154
1993	14,597	43,688	16,335
1992	99,595	303,051	18,225
1991	79,825	191,194	7,948

*TOTAL includes value of other minerals
(p)- preliminary figures

Fur Production (Value in $)

	TOTAL		TOTAL
1997	524,245	1993	208,641
1996	274,540	1992	535,483

1995	295,365	1991	429,836
1994	205,450	1990	840,173

Primary Forest Production (000 m^3)

	TOTAL	ROUND WOOD	FUEL WOOD	SAW LOGS
1997-98	323.5	9.0	29.1	285.3
1996-97	252.7	34.1	50.4	168.2
1995-96	356.8	7.7	45.1	304.0
1994-95 (r)	364.0	12.3	32.1	319.6
1993-94 (r)	184.8	4.3	43.1	137.5
1992-93 (r)	108.7	2.8	39.6	66.3

Rounded Data may not sum to totals.

Power Generation (Megawatt Hours)

	TOTAL	HYDRO	INTERNAL COMBUSTION
1997	376,432	259,153	117,279
1996	499,962	361,175	138,787
1995	390,035	319,399	70,636
1994	297,085	260,813	36,272
1993	334,879	286,580	48,299
1992	480,472	419,120	61,352

HEALTH & EDUCATION

Health (December 1998)

Number of Hospitals	2	
Number of Hospital Beds Staffed	68	(includes 9 beds short stay)
Number of Nursing Stations	4	
Number of Health Treatment Centres	9	
Number of Yukon Licensed Physicians	119	
Number of Yukon Licensed Dentists	35	

Education

Number of Public Schools 1998	28
Total School Enrollment (K-12) Dec.1998	6,026
Teachers in the Public School System (full time equivalent - includes special programs) February 1999	458
Post Secondary Institutions (Yukon College)	1
Yukon College Enrollment June 1998	
Full Time	850
Part Time	5,300

TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS ----------

Travellers Entering the Yukon Through Canada Custom Points of Entry

1998	365,509
1997	327,811
1996	329,004
1995	325,047
1994	307,031
1993	306,129

Whitehorse Scheduled Air Carrier Traffic

	FLIGHTS		PASSENGERS	
	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart
1997	781	779	53,473	54,679
1996	772	770	51,359	52,729
1995	812	811	52,984	54,004
1994	757	756	48,495	49,528
1993	759	758	46,726	47,522
1992	779	778	54,009	55,395

Motor Vehicle Registrations

	*TOTAL "IN FORCE" MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES	TRUCKS AND TRUCK TRACTORS
1997(p)	30,540	10,072	19,538
1996(r)	33,005	11,035	20,996
1995(r)	32,407	11,074	20,355

*TOTAL includes other road vehicle registrations

Road Surfaces Maintained (km) (1997/98)

Trunk Highways	
- Pavement	259.5
- Bituminous Surface	1,860.3
- Gravel, Dust Treated	438.0
- Gravel	1,066.0
Total	3,623.7
Other Roads	
- Bituminous Surface	19.5
- Gravel, Dust Treated	85.8
- Gravel	945.6
Total	1,050.8
Total, All Roads	4,674.5

Communications (1998)

Number of Newspapers*	10
Number of Radio Stations	3
Number of Television Stations	2

* This figure includes all newspapers in circulation on a daily, weekly, monthly or annual basis.

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